

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-941

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Arias

**Date of Introduction:** November 26, 2024

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, R, F

**Date of Analysis:** November 25, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; Ordinance amendment; Procurement Code exemption

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$76,181 from the General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency Account to the Kids Hope Alliance Fund—Special Needs Essential Services Category. The funding is allocated a grant to the Allofus Together Foundation, Inc., for its Awareness for Autism Program. This bill amends the Second Revised Schedule M of Ordinance 2024-511-E to reflect the appropriation. Additionally, it invokes an exemption under Section 126.108(g), and waives the competitive bidding requirements of Section 77.111(A), to facilitate direct procurement.

**Background Information:** This legislation supports the Awareness for Autism Program, a project aimed at providing essential services such as education, workshops, and community outreach to support families and children impacted by autism in Duval County. The Kids Hope Alliance will oversee the program to ensure proper implementation and compliance.

**Policy Impact Area:** Special needs services

**Fiscal Impact:** This bill appropriates \$76,181 from the General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency Account.

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